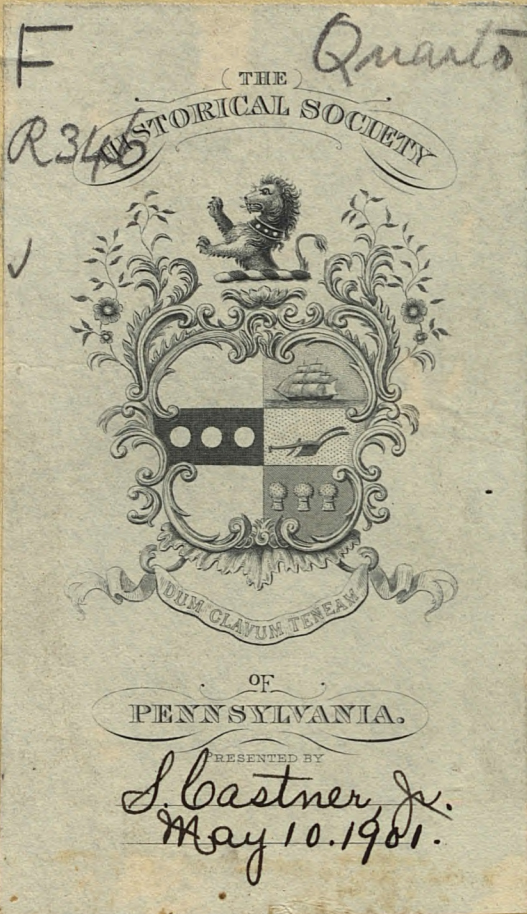


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John Rhoads (sometime spelled Roads or Roades), the founder of the principal family of that surname in Pennsylvania, was a native of County Darby, England, where he was doubtless born about the year 1639. The family in that county was an ancient one, and is said by Burke to have descended from Gerard de Rodes, of Horn Castle, County Lincoln, in the time of Henry II. Francis Rodes, of Stavely Woodthorpe, County Derby, was one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was grandfather to Sir Francis Rodes, of Barlborough, in that county, created Baronet in 1641. The coat of armour of this family is thus described:

"Arms—Ar. a lion pass. guard. gu. betw. two acorns, in bend cotized ermines. Crest—A cubit arm holding a branch of acorns of the last, all ppr."

The settlement of Pennsylvania attracted wide attention among the Friends in Derbyshire, and resulted in a large emigration from there to Penn's province. Among the first to emigrate was one John Blunston, a friend of Penn, and a man of prominence. He brought with him a number of young men, of whom was John Rhoads, Jr., a son of John Rhoads above. Two years later, Adam, another son, came to Pennsylvania. The letters of these boys to their parents are thought to have contained favorable accounts of their environments in their new home, and to have influenced their father eventually to dispose of his estate in England and remove to America.

By deeds of lease and release, dated 22 and 23 July, 1687, Thomas Whitby conveyed to John Rhoads, five hundred acres of land in Pennsylvania, Rhoads being styled in the deeds as "of Windgreave,

in the county of Darby, England : (Penna. Archives sec. ser. xix, 337.) and on 10 August, 1689, Mr. Rhoads bought of Edward Farmer, of Philadelphia, another tract, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres : Philadelphia Deed Bk H, xvii, 415). Notwithstanding these purchases he seems not to have made up his mind to leave England until some years later. His removal probably took place about 1696, when he bought a lot of ground on High (now Market) Street, Philadelphia (Philadelphia Deed Book of Exemplifications, vii, 523). The earliest record of his actual presence in Philadelphia, is in a deed dated 26 August, 1698 (recorded in Chester County), by which he conveyed to Edmund Cartledge of Darby, a tract of 100 acres, the same being a part of the 500 acres which he had bought of Thomas Whitby in 1687, in which deed he is called "John Roades the elder of Philadelphia." In 1700 he sold his property in Philadelphia, and removed to Darby, and there settled on a plantation purchased of Rebecca, Harry and Jacob Simcock, where he died in 1701. His will, dated 20 October, 1701, was proved on the 22d of the following month, and reads as follows :

Last Will and Testament of John Roads, Senior

"In the Name of God Amen this twentieth day of the eighth month in the year of our Lord Christ according to the English acct. one thousand seven hundred and one. I JOHN ROADES of Darby in the County of Chester & province of Pennsylvania cordwainer being of sound mind & perfect memory prased to Almighty God for the same do make ordain this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner following that is to say.

First. I commit my soul into ye hand of Almighty God my maker and Redeemer & my body to be buried in such decent place & manner as to my friends and executors hereafter named shall seem convenient, and for that estate which I have in this world Real and Personall I give as followeth, viz :

"I will that all such debts as I owe of right to any person or persons be truly payd by my Executors hereinafter named without lett or contradike and after my debts payd & funeral expenses discharged the Remainder of my estate Real and personall I give as followeth

"*Imps.*—I give & Bequeath unto my youngest son JOSEPH ROADS all my land and plantation with buildings and all manner the appurtenances to the same belonging which I bought of Rebecca Harry & John Simcock living in Marple Township in the county of Chester, I give & bequeath unto my sd son JOSEPH ROADS & to his heirs and assigns forever, also I give and bequeath unto my sd son JOSEPH ROADS the Bed and furniture which I now lye upon, it being intended for him by his mother and also some table napkins and one pewter dish, one plate one porringer & one spoon.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath unto my son JACOB ROADS Twenty pounds, also one bed & furniture which his mother left him and also some table napkins.

"*Item.* I give unto my son JOHN ROADS ten shillings & also what I gave him in the Land of White Marsh.

"*Item.* I give unto my son ADAM ROADS my bay mare, which I used to ride upon.

"*Item.* I will that my servant by covenant Charles Robinson shall serve the remainder of his time by covenant to me, with my son JOSEPH ROADS or his assigns and I will that at the end of his sd time of covenant service my sd son Joseph Roads or his assigns shall give to sd Charles as by my will the sum of twenty shillings.

"*Item.* I will that after my debts payd funeral expenses & legacies discharged the remainder of my Estate I will shall be equally divided betwixt my son ADAM ROADS, JACOB ROADS & JOSEPH ROADS and two daughters MARY MALBY and ELIZABETH DAWS equally amongst them five, and I make and ordain my son ADAM ROADS and

JOSEPH ROADS my Executors of this my last will and testament and utterly revoke & annul all former wills legacies bequests executors & overseers by me heretofore named willed or bequeathed.

Dated as above ye 20 8 mo, 1701.

JOHN ROADES"

(Jessop)
JOHN RHOADS, by wife ELIZABETH (who no doubt was deceased at the making of her husband's will), had the following children, all born in England :

I. ADAM RHOADS, b. 30 August, 1660 ; m. Katharine Blunston.

II. MARY RHOADS, b. 30 January, 1662 ; m. William Maltby.

III. JOHN RHOADS, b. 13 August, 1664 ; m. Hannah Wilcox.

IV. ELIZABETH RHOADS, b. 7 January, 1667 ; m. Edward Daws.

V. JACOB RHOADS, b. 16 February, 1670 ; m. Margaret Warner.

VI. ABRAHAM RHOADS, b. 10 January, 1672.

VII. SARAH RHOADS, b. 5 May, 1675.

VIII. HANNAH, b. 15 February, 1677.

IX. JOSEPH RHOADS, b. 5 April, 1680 ; m. Abigail Bonsall.

ADAM RHOADS, eldest son of John and Elizabeth Rhoads, was born in County Derby, England, 30 August, 1660, and died at Upper Darby, Chester (now Delaware) County, Pennsylvania. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1684, and brought with him a certificate from Friends (Quakers) testifying to his good character and of his worthiness as a member of their Society. He acquired numerous lands in the province, some under his father's will, and others by purchase. Smith, in his history of Delaware County, thus mentions Adam Rhoads : "He was a good citizen, and attended diligently to his reli-

gious duties." He married shortly after 2 December, 1691 (on which day, in accordance with the order of Quakers, he made his second declaration of intention of marriage), Katharine Blunston, born in County Derby, England, 26 5 month, 1672; died at her husband's seat in Darby, Pennsylvania, 21 October, 1733. She was a daughter of the Honourable John Blunston, one of the leading men in the early history of Pennsylvania and the personal friend of William Penn.

Children of ADAM RHOADS by his wife Katharine Blunston:

I. JOHN RHOADS, b. 22 10 mo., 1692; m. Elizabeth Bradshaw.

II. HANNAH RHOADS, b. 10 10 mo., 1694; m. John Thomas.

III. SARAH RHOADS, b. 14 7 mo., 1696; m. John Nickerson

IV. ELIZABETH RHOADS, b. 5 7 mo., 1698; m. William Kirk.

V. JOSEPH RHOADS, b. 7 7 mo., 1700.

VI. ADAM RHOADS, b. 10 12 mo., 1703.

VII. MARY RHOADS, b. 14 1 mo., 1706.

VIII. SAMUEL RHOADS, b. 9 6 mo., 1710; m. Margaret Thomas. They were the ancestors of Dr. JOSHUA RHOADS, who was for twenty-four years the principal of the Illinois State Institution for the Blind; JAMES RHOADS, A. M., who was for many years a professor of Belles Lettres and History at the Philadelphia High School, and JOSEPH R. RHOADS, Esquire, a prominent member of the Philadelphia Bar.

JOHN RHOADS, second son of John and Elizabeth Rhoads, was born in County Derby, England, 13 August, 1664, and died in Pennsylvania, 10 December, 1733. He was the first of his family to come to Pennsylvania, having preceded his father there several years. On the 28 March, 1691, he purchased of William Penn, fifty acres in Penn's Manor of Springfield (19 Pa. Archives, sec. ser. p. 65), whither he

probably removed from Philadelphia, as in 1701 he applied to Penn's commissioners of property for permission to cut fifty trees from said Manor for "fencing his plantation" (*Ibid*, 232). On 6 January, 1700, his father conveyed to him a tract of 175 acres at Whitemarsh, Philadelphia County, and on 6 June, 1701, the son purchased of Edward Farmer two hundred acres at Whitemarsh, which two tracts he sold to Anthony Morris in 1714 (see deed recorded at Philadelphia, in Deed Book H, No. 17, p. 415). John Rhoads finally settled on lands at Whitemarsh, where he resided at his decease. He married 28 October, 1692, Hannah Wilcox, daughter of Barnabas Wilcox, Esquire, who was a member of the Assembly, and for several years one of the justices of the peace and of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County. Hannah Rhoad's brother, Joseph Wilcox, was frequently chosen a member of the Assembly, and was Mayor of Philadelphia in 1705.

John Rhoads was a Quaker, yet the births of his children are not found on the records of any of the Friends Meetings. By deed dated 14 January, 1748, Barnabas Rhoads, of Philadelphia County; John Rhoads, of Bucks County, yeoman; Samuel Rhoads, of Philadelphia, house carpenter; Rachel Harper, of Lancaster County, widow, and William Thomas, of Philadelphia County, and Mary, his wife, joined in conveying land to William Jones and Joseph Roberts. The deed recites that the said Barnabas, John, Samuel, Rachel and Mary, are "the children and only surviving heirs of John Rhoads, late of the township of Whitemarsh, in the County of Philadelphia" (Montgomery County Deed Book, No. 7, p. 118). If there were other children they doubtless died unmarried and without issue before the execution of the above deed.

Children of JOHN RHOADS by his wife Hannah Wilcox :

- I. BARNABAS RHOADS,
- II. JOHN RHOADS.
- III. SAMUEL RHOADS, b. 1711 ; died 7 April, 1784.

IV. RACHEL RHOADS, m. ——— Harper.

V. MARY RHOADS, m. William Thomas.

JACOB RHOADS, third son of John and Elizabeth Rhoads, was born in County Derby, England, 16 February, 1670, and died in Pennsylvania after 15 October, 1740. He emigrated to Pennsylvania, with his father. Of his life in the colony but little is known. He is named in his father's will, also in that of his brother Adam Rhoads, and is recorded as a witness to the marriage of his son, Abraham Rhoads, 24 September, 1733, and as "of Darby, Chester County." No record has been found of his marriage, but he married Margaret, daughter of John Warner, of Blockley Township, Philadelphia County, about 1705 to 1708. The latter in his will, dated 17 September, 1716, names "my daughter Margaret Rodes."

JOHN WARNER, of Draycott, in the Parish of Blockley, County of Worcester, England. Married Margaret, by her had William Warner, b. 1627, d. 1706; he (William) married Anne, by her had John Warner, b. 1649, d. 1717. About 1683 he (John) married Anne (born 1651). By her had Margaret Warner, b. 1686. She married, about 1708, Jacob Rhoads.

WILLIAM WARNER was a prominent man in his day. He was a member of Markham's Council.

Children of JACOB RHOADS by wife Margaret Warner:

I. JACOB RHOADS.

II. MARGARET RHOADS, d. 25 7 month, 1741.

III. ABRAHAM RHOADS, b. circa 1706 to 1709; d. 1746; m^d. Eleanor Rees.

IV. ISAAC RHOADS.

V. ANN RHOADS, m. 24 November, 1729, William Coulston, son of William Coulston, of Plymouth Meeting.

VI. Esther

JOSEPH RHODES, fourth son of John and Elizabeth Rhoads, was born in County Derby, England, 5 April, 1680, and died in Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1732. He came to America with his father, and being the youngest child, he doubtless remained a member of his father's household until the decease of the latter in 1701. During the following year Joseph Rhoads married Abigail Bonsall, daughter of Richard Bonsall, the founder of the family of that name in Pennsylvania. She died 11 November, 1750. Mr. Rhoads resided on a plantation in Marple Township, Chester (now Delaware) County, devised to him by his father.

Children of JOSEPH RHOADS by his wife Abigail Bonsall:

- I. JOHN RHOADS, b. 22 8 month, 1703; m. and had issue.
- II. MARY RHOADS, b. 8 month, 1705.
- III. ELIZABETH, b. 11 6 month, 1708.
- IV. ABIGAIL RHOADS, b. 6 9 month, 1710.
- V. REBECCA RHOADS, b. 3 2 month, 1713.
- VI. JOSEPH RHOADS, b. 3 9 month, 1715.
- VII. JANE RHOADS, b. 3 12 month, 1717.
- VIII. BENJAMIN RHOADS, b. 25 12 month, 1719; d. 3 August, 1778.
- IX. JAMES RHOADS, b. 15 5 month, 1722; m. Elizabeth, dau. of John and Hannah Owen, b. 20 11 month, 1722/3; d. 5 May, 1795.

HONORABLE SAMUEL RHOADS, son of John Rhoads, Jr., by his wife Hannah Wilcox, was born at his father's seat in Whitemarsh Township, Philadelphia County, in 1711, and died at Philadelphia, 7 April, 1784. He became the most prominent member of the Rhoads family in Pennsylvania, during the colonial period. In his time it was the custom among the rich as well as the poor to apprentice their sons to a trade, and hence we find that Samuel Rhoads was instructed in that of

carpenter, and that he early advanced to the position of a master builder, eventually, however, engaging in mercantile pursuits. He traded largely in real estate and grew to be a man of much wealth. Was an early member of the Carpenter's Company of Philadelphia, and active in promoting its interests, and from 1780 until his death was president and treasurer of the company. He was a member of Benjamin Franklin's famous "Junta," and joined with Franklin in founding the American Philosophical Society, of which he was for many years a vice-president. Under date of 5 April, 1743, Franklin addressed a letter to Cadwalader Colden, of New York, in which he stated that the Society went into full operation that year, and gave a list of the officers, among whom was Samuel Rhoads, who is designated as "Mechanician," which may be understood to mean one versed in the science of mechanics and the construction of machines. He was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and one of the founders and first directors of the Philadelphia Contribution-ship (1752), the first insurance company in America. He was also a member of the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company, and for several years a director of the Philadelphia Library. In 1751, he was chosen by the Assembly a commissioner to examine the Schuylkill and ascertain the best place for bridging it, and is named as a commissioner in the Act of Assembly of 14 March, 1761, "for cleaning, scouring and rendering the Schuylkill navigable."

Mr. Rhoads was likewise prominent in political affairs. On 6 October, 1741, he was elected a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia, in which position he served until 6 October, 1761, when he was chosen Alderman, retaining the latter position until 4 October, 1774, when he was elected Mayor of Philadelphia. In 1761 he was elected to the Assembly and served until 1764, with Benjamin Franklin as his colleague. While serving in that body in 1762 he was chosen by the Assembly a commissioner to attend a conference with the Indians at Lancaster, and proceeded to that city, accompanied by Lieutenant-

Governor Hamilton and other delegates, where the conference lasted about a week.

He was again elected a member of the Assembly for the years 1771, 1772, 1773 and 1774, and in July of the latter year he was chosen by the Assembly, in connection with Joseph Galloway, Thomas Mifflin, Charles Humphries, Edward Biddle and George Ross, a delegate to the First Continental Congress, which assembled in Philadelphia, 4 September, 1774. William Rawle, in describing the delegates, says of Samuel Rhoads that "he was a respectable merchant of Philadelphia, belonging to the Society of Friends—without the talent of speaking in public, he possessed much accuteness of mind, his judgment was sound, and his practical information extensive."

He was on most intimate terms with Benjamin Franklin, and was his associate in furthering many of Franklin's projects for the advancement of Philadelphia. He corresponded with Franklin while the latter was in England. The following is one of his letters to Franklin:

"PHILADELPHIA, 3 May, 1771.

"Dear Friend:

"I received thy kind favor of February 10th, and am much obliged by the several useful papers, pamphlets, and samples contained therein. Thy friend Wooler has taken much pains in explaining the method of making our houses secure from fire, which I hope will be of great service. We are much obliged to him. I have given several little bits of limestone to some of my acquaintances in the country, in hopes it may be found here. I am told they make lime in Berks County that will harden under water. I have sent for a sample of it and will try it. We certainly have plenty of stone very like this in appearance, and I hope of the same quality. I am the more concerned for this discovery, as we are told it was very useful in the works under water of the Duke of Bridgewater's canal, and we expect shortly to be canal-mad, and may want it in such works also.

"The growing trade of Baltimore Town in Maryland, drawn principally from our province west of the Susquehanna, begins to alarm us with serious apprehensions of such a rival, as may reduce us to the situation of Burlington and Newcastle on the Delaware; and we can devise no means of saving ourselves but by a canal from the Susquehanna to the Schuylkill, and amending the navigation of all our rivers, so far as they lead towards our capital city. A great number of thy friends are very anxious for promoting this work, particularly the canal, if it is practicable, through the heart of the country. And as thou wast kind enough formerly to send me several papers relating to the navigation of Calder river, I request the favor of adding thereto the last accounts and instructions respecting canals, the construction of their floodgates, waste-gates, &c. The Assembly have ordered the Speaker to procure the remainder of the statutes to complete their set in the State House library, by which, I suppose, we shall have those relation to canals; but, if they are to be had singly, please to send one or two, which are the most instructive in the rates, terms, conditions of carriage, and passing the grounds, and the cost shall be paid.

"I congratulate thee on the prospect we have of the sum of money lodged in the bank for the Pennsylvania Hospital being now paid, and of thy pleasure in receiving it for that charity, which thou hadst so great a share in establishing. We last night executed a power of attorney to thee, Dr. Fothergill, and David Barclay to apply to the Court of Chancery in order to receive it; and, lest our Hospital seal should not be sufficient evidence of our act and deed, we called three witnesses, who may be examined by your people on oath respecting the due executing the powers of attorney. If any difficulty should occur, you will not fail of acquainting us with it by the first opportunity. My wife, children, and thy old friend Ann Paschal, desire to be kindly remembered to thee.

"Thy sincere and affectionate friend,

"SAMUEL RHOADS."

A number of letters from Franklin to Mr. Rhoads will be found in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History, vol. xv., p. 35.

Samuel Rhoads married 12 May, 1737, Elizabeth Chandler, daughter of *Samuel*.

Children of HONORABLE SAMUEL RHOADS by his wife Elizabeth Chandler:

I. MARY RHOADS, b. August, 1738; d. 2 May, 1779; m. 15 February, 1764, Thomas Franklin, Jr., of New York. He d. 11 January, 1797. Their son, Honorable Walter Franklin, was Attorney-General of Pennsylvania in 1809 and 1810, and was the father of General Emlen Franklin and of Honorable Thomas Emlen Franklin, Attorney-General of Pennsylvania in 1851 and 1852, and again from 1855 till 1858. Sarah Franklin, a daughter of Walter, married Dr. John L. Atlee, of Lancaster, Pa. Rear-Admiral Samuel Rhoads Franklin and Major-General William Buell Franklin are grandsons of Thomas Franklin by his wife Mary Rhoads.

II. SAMUEL RHOADS, JR., b. 7 August, 1740; was one of the Port Wardens of Philadelphia and a member of the American Philosophical Society. He m. 27 June, 1765, Sarah, daughter of Israel Pemberton, the eminent Quaker merchant. Of their children, Samuel married Mary, daughter of another eminent Quaker merchant, Henry Drinker, whose wife Elizabeth, in her noted diary (in print), gives interesting mention of such marriage. Elizabeth, another child, married Samuel W. Fisher, and through this marriage are the only descendants now living of Mayor Samuel Rhoads, these being the issue of Rhoads Fisher, in Texas, and Coleman Fisher, in Philadelphia.

III. HANNAH RHOADS, b. 11 June, 1743; died unmarried in 1797.

ABRAHAM RHOADS, son of Jacob Rhoads, by his wife Margaret Warner, was born at Darby, Pennsylvania, circa 1706; died in Norri-

ton Township, Philadelphia County, at what is now Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in November, 1746. He was a farmer, and was possessed at his decease of two plantations in said township, one containing one hundred acres of land, and the other one hundred and seventeen acres, which facts appear from proceedings in the Orphans' Court at Philadelphia, under date of 11 September, 1762, wherein Ezekiel Rhoads, the "eldest son and heir at-law," petitioned for the valuation and partition of the said lands (Orphans' Court Docket, No. vi., p. 135). The lands were appraised at £649, and were awarded to the said Ezekiel Rhoads, who was charged with the payment in cash to his brother and sisters of their share of the valuation named.

ABRAHAM RHOADS married at Plymouth Meeting House, 24 September, 1733, Eleanor, daughter of John and Hannah Rees, of Whitpain Township, now in Montgomery County. Both were Friends, and their marriage is recorded at Gwynedd Meeting. She was born 7 October, 1708, and was living as late as 1763. (Orphans' Court Docket (Phila.) No. vi, p. 240.) She was the administratrix of her husband's estate, upon which she received letters, 20 December, 1746, and settled her account, 11 December, 1762, at which time John Coulston was appointed guardian of her daughters Margaret and Roxanna (both then over 14), and the mother was appointed guardian of her daughter Esther (then under 14). Philadelphia Orphans' Court Docket, No. vi, pp. 135, 197, 200.

Children of ABRAHAM RHOADS by his wife Eleanor Rees :

- I. HANNAH RHOADS, m. Josiah Jones.
- II. EZEKIEL RHOADS, b. circa 1736 ; died 20 January, 1813.
- III. JACOB RHOADS.
- IV. MARGARET RHOADS.
- V. ROXANNA RHOADS, d. in 1818 unmarried.
- VI. ESTHER RHOADS, d. 20 June, 1812, unmarried.

EZEKIEL RHOADS, son of Abraham Rhoads by his wife Eleanor Rees, was born at what is now Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, circa 1736, and died at Norristown 20 January, 1813. He was a farmer and miller. In 1762 he became the owner of the two plantations of which his father died seized and possessed, and he later acquired other landed estates by purchase. His name is identified with the early history of Norristown, of which he was a prominent citizen. On 5 April, 1796, the University of Pennsylvania conveyed a lot of ground in Norristown, in trust for "the use of a Public School to be established and kept" in that town, Mr. Rhoads being one of the trustees named in the deed (Montgomery County Deed Book No. xi, p. 432), and in a deed dated 14 November, 1809, he is styled a "Director of the Poor and House of Employment in the County of Montgomery" (Montgomery County Deed Book No. xxiv, p. 14). He was one of the founders of the Norristown Library and the Norristown Academy.

By his will dated 16 February, 1809, proved 2 March, 1813 (Montgomery County Will Book No. iii, p. 461), he devised to sons Abraham and Ezekiel each a tract of one hundred acres, and to his son Joseph, his mills and land appurtenant thereto, and gave to each of his daughters £250.

His wife Mary, whose maiden name has not been ascertained, died at Norristown, 18 August, 1811, aged 71 years.

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MARCY (MARTY) TYSON DAUGHTER of Cornelius

+ Barbara Tyson was born Nov 27, 1740

ABRAHAM RHOADS son of Ezekiel & Marcy Rhoads
was born Sept 15, 1764

MARCY RHOADS wife of EZEKIEL RHOADS departed
this life Sept 18, 1811 aged about 71 years

EZEKIEL RHOADS SENIOR departed this life January
2, 1813 aged 76 years & 3 days

MARY LOUISE RHOADS Rip (Miss W.S.), AUDUBON, PA, 1940

JOHN RHOADS

b. about 1639

m. ELIZABETH

JACOB

b. 1670

d. 1740

m. MARGARET WARNER

ABRAHAM

b. about 1706

d. " 1746

m. ELEANOR REES

EZEKIEL

b. 1736

d. Jan. 20, 1813

m^d MARY ———

TYSON

LYDIA

b. Jan. 21, 1771

d. 1852

m. JOHN CASTNER

Children of EZEKIEL RHOADS by wife Mary :

I. ABRAHAM RHOADS, b. 15 August, 1764 ; died 1827.

II. MARGARET RHOADS, m. Jesse Castner.

III. LYDIA RHOADS, b. 21 January, 1771 ; died 1852 ; m. John Castner. (See Castner Family, page 26.)

IV. BARBARA RHOADS, b. 22 January, 1773 ; died in 1836 ; unmarried.

V. HANNAH RHOADS, b. 1 December, 1774 ; m. Shaw.

VI. ANN RHOADS, b. 14 March, 1777.

VII. EZEKIEL RHOADS, b. 10 August, 1779 ; died about 1845 ;
m. Lydia Zimmerman.

VIII. JOSEPH RHOADS, b. 22 June, 1783 ; removed to Philadelphia ; had wife Rebecca.

ABRAHAM RHOADS, the eldest son of Ezekiel Rhoads above, made his will 10 September, 1827, proved at Norristown, 4 October, 1827, in which he names wife Elizabeth and children, Cornelius, Sarah, Hannah, William, Eleanor, Ezekiel and Barbara.

BARBARA RHOADS, daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Rhoads, made her will 5 April, 1830, proved at Norristown, 5 April, 1836, in which she names sister Hannah Shaw and brother Ezekiel Rhoads, to whom she bequeathed her estate.

EZEKIEL RHOADS, JR., son of Ezekiel, died intestate about 1845, leaving widow Lydia, sons William Z. and Ezekiel and daughters Mary (wife of William Mattson) and Elizabeth Rhoads, the latter under age.

Will of Hannah Rees

BEE IT KNOWN unto all whome it may Concern that I HANNAH REES of the Township of Whitpain in the County of Philadelphia and Province of Pennsyy^a being of weak Body but of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding praise be to god for the same do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as followeth First my Will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elin Rhoads my bed and bedstead four sheets two blankets two Coverlids one boulder & two pillows also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bell my warming pan and two *flanen* sheets also I give and bequeath

unto my Daughter Rose my Chest and one hatchet also I give and Bequeath unto my Son Edward Rees the sum of five shillings also I give unto my Son John Rees the Sum of five Shillings also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Hannah Rees the sum of four Pounds which shall be paid unto her one year after my decease also I give all the remaining part of my Estate after my just Debts & funeral Charges be fully paid & Discharged unto my two Daughters Elin Rhoads & Rose Maulsby two parts unto my Daughters Ellin Rhoads and the remaining third part unto my Daughter Rose Maulsby also I nominate and appoint my Son in law John Bell to be my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Finally I do revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made Ratifieing and Confirming this only to be my last in Witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twenty second day of the Eleventh month called November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and fifty three, 1753.

(Signed) HANNAH ^{her} REES. [SEAL]
mark

Signed sealed published and Declared by the Testator as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the hereunto Subscribed Witnesses.

JOB PUGH.

JOHN EASTBURN.

JOSEPH EVANS.

John Rees of Whitpain Township

JOHN REES, a Welshman, resided in Whitpain Township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, Pennsylvania. He was a Quaker, and a member of Gwynedd Meeting, where the births of his children are recorded. He died in 1753, and his wife, Hannah (whose maiden

name has not yet been ascertained), died in December of the same year. Both executed last wills, which are hereto annexed.

Children of JOHN and HANNAH REES :

I. EDWARD REES, b. 27 3 mo., 1706.

II. ELLEN (ELEANOR) REES, b. 7 8 mo., 1708; m. 24 7 mo., 1733, ABRAHAM RHOADS, son of Jacob Rhoads (see Rhoads family).

III. ROSE REES, b. 4 1 mo., 1710; m. 19 2 mo., 1733, William Maulsby, of Plymouth township.

IV. HANNAH REES, b. 13 10 mo., 1713; m. 14 3 mo., 1745, John Bell. He probably died before 8 9 mo., 1774, on which day Hannah Bell, "widow," m. Joseph Jones.

V. JANE REES, b. 13 10 mo., 1713 (twin of Hannah); married Samuel Davis and had issue.

VI. JOHN REES, b. 12 9 mo.; 1718; m. 11 9 mo., 1746, Catharine, daughter of Cadwalader Evans, of Whitpain Township.

Will of John Rees

BE IT KNOWN unto all whom it may Concern That JOHN REES SEN^r of Whitpain Township in the County of Philad^a yoeman being by Devine favour in my usual Health although far advanced in years and infirm of Body having my Memory and understanding Sound and perfect therefore Considering the frailty of humane life Do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament the twenty fifth day of the Eighth month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and fifty three in manner and form following.

Impes. I will & direct that all my just Debts which I shall owe at the time of my decease together with my funeral charges be fully & faithfully paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item.—I Give and Bequeath unto my Dear and well beloved wife

Hannah Rees all the Money due or to become due me by Bonds and also Ten bushels of Good Wheat well Cleaned to be paid and Delivered to my said wife (at the house from time to time where she Dwells) by my Son John Rees his Heirs Execu^{ts} Admin^{ts} yearly and every year for and during her Natural life every payment & Delivery thereof to be made by my said Son or his afores^d on the Sixteenth day of the Eleventh month (new stile) yearly during the sd Term I also give and Bequeath unto my s^d Wife my best Bed Bedding with all the furniture thereof I likewise give & bequeath unto my said Wife the Annuity of Six pounds Current lawful money of Pennsy^a payable to her on the Sixteenth day of the Eleventh month afores^d yearly & every year for and during her natural life in manner following (that is to say) Three Pounds part thereof payable as aforesaid by my Son John Rees his Heirs Execu^{ts} Administrators the other three pounds payable in like manner by my Son in law John Bell his Heirs Execu^{ts} Adm^{ts} I do hereby Give & bequeath unto my s^d Wife all the residue & remaining part of my personal Estate after all my Debts & Legacies is fully paid and Satisfied all which said annuities & Legacies I give and Bequeath to my said Wife in lieu of her thirds or Dower out of my Estate real and personal or any wise whatsoever.

Item.—I Give and Bequeath unto my Eldest Son Edw^d Rees Twenty Shillings Cullent Lawful Money of Penny^a part of a Debt due to me from my said Son John his Heirs Execu^{ts} Adm^{ts} within one year from the date of my decease.

Item.—I give and Devise unto my said Son John Rees his heirs and afs^d all my Tract of Land which I purchased from Rich^d Morris together with all the Land which I purchased of Thomas Ellis and nine acres more of Land next adjoining to my said Son John Settlement to be added thereunto (including the meadow now cleared) to be taken and laid out of a Tract of Land which I purchased of Thomas Thomas To have and to hold the said Devised three Tracts or parcells of Land lying Contiguous with all and Singular the buildings Im-

provements Rights privileges and appurtenances whatsoever unto my said Son John Rees his Heirs & afs^d from y^e day of my Decease thence forward & forever.

Item.—I give and Devise unto my Soninlaw John Bell all the residue and remaining part of the s^d Tract of Land which I purchased of Thomas Thomas To hold the same Land to my said Son in law John Bell for & during his Natural life and I do hereby Will and Devise that the same residue or remaining p^t of the last mentioned and Devised Land after my said Son in law's Decease shall & Continue to my Grandson John Bell his Heirs and afs^d forever but if it should happen that my Said Grandson John Bell dieth before he comes lawfully to possess the s^d Devised Land by virtue hereof leaving no Lawful issue of his Body to survive him That then and in such Case I will and devise the said residue or remaining part of the Land aforementioned unto my said Grandson's Brothers & Sisters to be devised in equal Value Between them and each to hold their several & respective Dividends their Heirs and afs^d forever.

Item.—I give & bequeath all my part in the Sain & Fishery in the River Schuylkill to be equally divided between my said Son John Rees and Son in law John Bell share and share alike.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my ELDEST DAUGHTER ELIN RHODES the sum of Twenty pounds current lawful Money of Pennsy^a (part of a debt due me from my said son John Rees) payable by my said Son John Rees his Heirs Execu^{rs} Administrators to my said Daughter Ellin within three years next from the day of my decease.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rose Maulsby the sum of three pounds Current Money as aboves^d payable to her by my said wife within one year next from the day of my Decease.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my Deceased Daughter Jane's Children the sum of Six Pounds Money as above^d which is due me from my son-in-law Samuel Davis (their father) to be equally divided

between them all share & share alike and to be improved by their said father immediately after my Decease and paid by him or his Direction to each and every one of them their several & respective shares as they arrive to twenty years of age.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bell my Clock likewise three Cows three Iron potts and one brass pan.

Item.—I give & bequeath unto my Son in law John Bell all the purchase money due me from him for a bolt' and Lastly I do hereby Constitute Depute and appoint my said Son in Law John Bell to be my Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament utterly revoking disallowing all and every former Wills Testaments Legacies & Executors by me before this time willed named and bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day & year first abov named.

(Signed) JOHN ^{his} REES. [SEAL]
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Signed Sealed published & Declared by the above named John Rees the Testator that the foregoing is his last Will & Testament and at his request we have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereunto.

WILLIAM MOORE.

ISAAC ELLIS.

JOSEPH DICKINSON.

